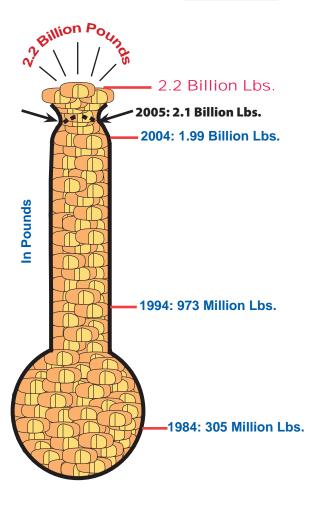


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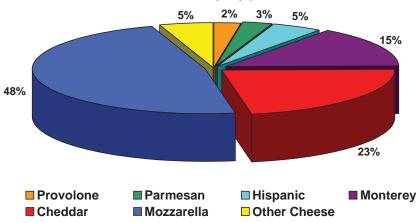


2006 Total Cheese Production Sets All-Time High for California

California total cheese production continued its record pace in 2006 reporting 2.2 billion pounds of cheese produced, surpassing the record 2.1 billion pounds of cheese produced in 2005.

- The year 2006 recorded a 3.2 percent increase in total cheese production compared to the previous year.
- The percent share of total cheese production (percent production change from previous year in parenthesis) were as follows: Mozzarella at 48 percent (up 9.3 percent); Cheddar at 23 percent (down 5.0 percent); Monterey at 15 percent (down 2.8 percent); Hispanic at 5 percent (up 7.7 percent). Provolone and Parmesan cheeses accounted for 5 percent of total cheese production.

2006 Class 4b Production Percent of Total, by Type of Cheese





Source: CDFA Dairy Marketing Branch